

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the specification as originally-filed. Claims 1-24 and 42-46 are pending and under consideration. Claims 13-24 have been amended. Claims 25-41 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Claims 42-46 are newly added and support for the newly added claims is found in the application as filed at page 8, lines 4-6 and lines 22-28 of the specification as originally filed.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The drawings are amended as described below by presenting replacement figures as attached hereto.

FIG. 4 is amended to correct a labeling error. Specifically, box 46 was labeled "ENCODER" and is now amended to read --DECODER--. Support for this change is found in the specification as originally filed at least at page 9, lines 5-10 and lines 22-25.

FIG. 9 is amended to correct a labeling error. Specifically, box 904 was labeled "MULTIPLEX READ MAIN DATA AND SUB DATA" and is now amended to read --MULTIPLEX READ MAIN DATA, SUB DATA, AND EXTRA DATA--. Support for this change is found in the specification as originally filed at least at page 12, lines 1-3.